<u>REMARKS</u>

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2008. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendment, claims 7, 8, 12 and 13 are amended to address the rejection set forth in the previous Office Action and to address minor informalities. Thus, claims 7-19 are currently pending in the present application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 7-10 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, claim 7 has been amended to recite that the "linear array of medicine containers" is biased by the biasing member. The amended language is consistent with the description set forth in line 2 of claim 7. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of claim 7, and the claims depending therefrom, is now obviated in view of the amendment to claim 7.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 11-17 are allowed, and that claims 7-10 and 18-19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Having overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, it would appear that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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